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Meeting Dates of Courts.

Circuit court meets in Butler 1st Monday in February, May and October.

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Meetings of Township Board.

First Wednesday after first Tuesday in April.

First Tuesday after first Monday in July.

Third Monday of November of each year at office of the township clerk.

LODGE DIRECTORY.

Rich Hill Lodge No. 479, A. F. & A. M., meets 2d and 4th Monday nights.
 —W. F. Tygard, W. M.; B. Birk, Sec.

Rich Hill Lodge No. 412, I. O. O. F., meets every Friday night at Odd Fellows Hall.—T. Kelso, N. G.; L. F. Caldwell, Sec'y.

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Washington Letter.

There is nothing to be said as to the Cuban situation, except that the agents of the President have arrived in Havana and have reported to Washington that they are there. Supporters of the administration and their opposite construe the situation as best suits them. The only thing that appears certain, both from the press reports and the meager advice received at the State Department, is that fighting throughout Cuba has ceased and both sides of the controversy are anxious to make the best impression possible on the American representatives. President Palma is willing to do anything that he can to prevent a thorough investigation of his administration, and the insurgents, while they may be suspected of pro-annexation sentiments, do not wish to do anything that would put them in a bad light with the American commissioner. The chances are that a decision of some sort will be reached by Secretaries Taft and Bacon before Secretary Root can arrive at Havana, and it is not believed that this will necessitate the active interference of the United States in the premises.

The United States, it may be said, is prepared to intervene if absolutely necessary. Secretary Taft was asked before he started if the United States was prepared to rush troops into Cuba. He replied with a smile that the United States was always prepared to rush troops anywhere. This did not answer the question of whether or not armed intervention was meditated, but it did outline the position of this country in regard to the Cuban disturbance. The administration does not want to intervene and will not if it can be helped, but the spring is coiled and it will be only necessary to touch the trigger and let it go.

It is reported at the War Department that orders have been issued to Brigadier General Thomas Barry and General W. P. Duvall, commanding the department of the Gulf, to return home immediately. Both of these officers are now attending German maneuvers, and would very likely be selected for active Cuban service if such became necessary. It is said further that General Frederick Funston, who won renown in the Philippines through his capture of Aguinaldo, has been selected for supreme command if an army of invasion is really formed. General Funston, it will be recalled, was appointed to the army from civil life, and besides his exploits in the Philippines, was closely associated with General A. W. Greely in command of the Government troops during the San Francisco earthquake and fire. There he won decided commendations for his cool headed capacity in doing the right thing at the right time, and he is about the sort of a man that the President would be likely to choose for Cuban service. General Funston is thoroughly familiar with Cuba and is well known in the island, owing to the fact that he held a commission in the Cuban army during the last war with

Spain and before the United States forces were sent to Santiago. Moreover he speaks Cuban Spanish, a most important accomplishment.

It is said that both sides, the insurgents and Palma Government, have become a good deal more haughty since the arrival of Secretaries Taft and Bacon, and in some quarters this is said to indicate that peace prospects are further off than ever. It is not believed, however, that this is really the case, and it is much more likely that both sides are making a final bluff before one or the other lays down its hand.

Upon the decision of the Department of Justice will depend the very important question as to whether or not meat and meat products of foreign manufacture shall be entirely excluded from the United States. This question was propounded to the Department by the Secretary of Agriculture, and a decision is being very anxiously awaited both by American dealers and importers and by foreign manufacturers. It can be readily seen that great financial interests are involved in this decision.

There are now imported to this country, especially from Germany and France, but also from Great Britain and the countries of continental Europe, immense quantities of food stuffs, into whose composition meat enters either in part or very largely. Now under the new meat inspection law no meat or meat products from American factories can be transported in interstate commerce without a rigid inspection on the part of the government of the animals both before and after killing, and an inspection of the sanitary conditions under which the foods are prepared. There is no such government inspection in any foreign country, yet every year hundreds of tons of all sorts of sausages, smoked meats and fish, sardines, fowls, and prepared eggs are imported from Germany, France, Italy and Russia, and form a very important article of trade in this country. It is held by the Agricultural Department that it is not fair to American producers to subject American food to rigid inspection and allow foreign imports with no inspection at all. It is quite possible that if the decision of the Department of Justice asked for, is adverse to the importers, that the action of this Government in passing the meat inspection law will force all foreign governments to adopt a similar inspection as to give this country the benefit of the government guarantee now extended to countries abroad.

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